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## Fleming Pride
Haliburton School of Art + Design raises the Pride flag at its campus for the first time. See page 2.

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## Sleeping in Cars
Fundraiser to bring attention to youth homelessness in the Highlands. See page 5.

Carnarvon's Olivia Humphries absorbs the landing after taking a jump while tobogganing in Minden. There's plenty of winter still to be had in the Highlands, whether it's tobogganing, skating, ice fishing, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing or snowmobiling./DARREN LUM Staff

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# Flag represents commitment to inclusion, diversity

**JENN WATT**
*County Life* Editor

Fleming College president Maureen Adamson speaks outside the college during the raising of the Pride flag on Feb. 19. "We stand with you, we stand beside you and we stand for you," she said to members of the LGBTQ community. /JENN WATT Staff

Fleming College president Maureen Adamson said she was honoured to be at the inaugural Pride flag raising at Haliburton School of Art + Design, but that she wished it would have happened sooner.

Referencing incidents that had happened in the Haliburton community, without going into specific detail, she said the college wanted to show its support for diversity and inclusion.

"We stand with you, we stand beside you and we stand for you," she said during a speech to a crowd gathered outside the front entrance of the Haliburton campus on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The Pride flag has also been raised at the Peterborough and Lindsay campuses of Fleming College. Adamson told *CountyLife* that last week was chosen for the flag raising to fit with the school's schedule.

"Pride Week typically occurs in the summer, when many of our students have gone, so we plan events such as our Pride flag raising when students are on campus and can participate. We also wanted to host the event close to Family Day, because diversity and inclusion are the foundation of family, and family can mean different things to different people," she said via email following the flag raising event.

Fleming College offers support for LGBTQ students and staff through a variety of resources, Debbie Harrison, diversity and inclusion student success co-ordinator, said. She highlighted the work of the Name Change Clinic, which is in collaboration with the paralegal program at the college, supporting students who may need to change their name due to a gender transition.

"This is also personally very moving for me, I've grown up in a small community too on a farm with a gay brother who came out as a teenager and as his older sister and ally, I've seen his struggles to be safe and to be equal and to be welcome in all places and it hasn't always been the case for him and I'm very proud that we're making a proud statement today," Harrison said.

HSAD's dean, Angela Stukator said that the flag celebrated "who we are as a school."

"The flag will fly as a daily reminder that Pride is literally a feeling of being good and worthy. It's a visible symbol of our support, our celebration of diversity and our commitment to inclusivity," she said.

Adamson and Andrea Roberts, mayor of Dysart et al, raised the flag together to finish the ceremony. The MC was Sandra Dupret, VP student success, and former dean of HSAD.

Both the Canadian flag and the Pride flag will fly outside the Haliburton campus building.

# Volunteers with a skill for fixing needed

Clothing, small appliances, old clocks, bikes, jewelry, electronics, lamps, lamps and more lamps in need of some tender care are being gathered in anticipation of the second SIRCH Repair Café event, and volunteers who like tinkering, pulling apart and figuring out are welcome to come join and be matched with something they might fix.

After the success of the first Repair Café event last month resulted in happy participants with a diverse assortment of newly-patched, mended or otherwise repaired items, SIRCH Community Services is looking to add to their team of volunteers with additional fixers, demonstrators and general support help for the second café.

"There is minimal commitment and it's a very fun and rewarding initiative to be part of," said Chris Varga, Repair Café co-ordinator. "If you are a student wishing to pursue a technical career, a retired expert in your field, or anyone in between, you will really enjoy being part of the SIRCH Repair Café initiative."

Varga said the event also offers a great opportunity for volunteers to promote their existing fixing/upcycling business, learn about the possibilities of starting one, network with likeminded people and find talent.

The second SIRCH Repair Café of six to be held between January and August 2020 takes place at Archie Stouffer Elementary School at 12 Vintage Crescent on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the event, see the video from the first Repair Café event at www.sirch.on.ca/repaircafe. To get involved, apply online at the same link, or email organizers at info@sirch.on.ca.

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# State of the art equipment at heart of campaign

**JENN WATT**
*County Life* Editor

New equipment at both the Minden and Haliburton sites of Haliburton Highlands Health Services is helping health professionals more easily take care of patients.

On Feb. 14, a day dedicated to the heart, members of the HHHS Foundation and the media were invited to see the new cardiac telemetry and cardiographs in the emergency department and acute care at the Haliburton hospital, paid for through donations from the public.

"It's really state of the art and it's really nice in a smaller facility to have equipment like that, that we can use that gives us the best patient care that we can [offer]," said Karen Harris, a registered nurse at HHHS.

Central monitors at the nurse's station show readings from all the patients at once and include interactive displays that allow for better monitoring.

"What you see here is all our different monitors that are at the various bedsides all consolidated into one screen. So for each of these patients they have a monitor at the bedside so you can also [have] all the same functionality, really," said Dr. Diane Duff, chief nurse executive and VP clinical services.

Portable telemetry units allow the patients to move around while they're being monitored and assist health professionals in understanding how the patient's daily activities affect their heart.

Members of the HHHS Foundation and HHHS join around the drum as HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins, left, spins the handle 10 times before the winning Cash for Care ticket was pulled for one of three prizes on Feb. 14. The annual fundraiser brings in money for health services in the Haliburton Highlands. Prior to the draw, a tour of the newly acquired cardiac telemetry and cardiograph equipment was offered for media and board members. / JENN WATT Staff

Dr. Duff said the new equipment came at just the right moment. Days before it was to be installed, the old system began making a grinding noise, which got louder and noisier as time progressed.

"Before [the new equipment] we used to have just the cardiac monitors in a couple of our rooms and so if we had people that had to be monitored, then we had to switch around beds to make sure that the patients were being monitored, whereas now, any of the beds anywhere on our unit can do cardiac monitoring. So this is such a versatile system," she said.

The HHHS Foundation raised $525,000 for the cardiac telemetry equipment, which has been installed at the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments and in the acute department. An additional $45,000 was raised for the cardiographs, which are available at both the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments.

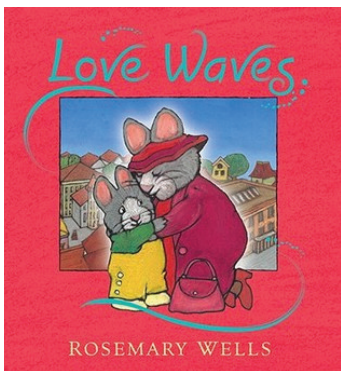
In addition to the tour, on Friday the HHHS Foundation held their final three draws in their annual Cash for Care lottery with one lucky winner on-site to hear his name called out.

Michael LeBlanc, the cook at HHHS, was in the lobby of the Haliburton site watching the tickets being drawn when his was pulled from the drum for the $20,000 prize.

LeBlanc has worked for HHHS for five years and said he buys tickets each year. He said winning felt very nice, but was unable to answer more interview questions as he said he needed to go serve lunch.

The $1,000 winner was Doris Pierson of Eagle Lake and the $2,000 prize went to George Milne of Oshawa.

## Book of the Month February

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Glecoff's Family Store owners Clay and Amy Glecoff give a thumbs up, presenting mitts and scarves to the Red Wolves five-pin bowling team members from left, Marianne Stammers, Casey Heley, Andrew Bourgeois, Lucas Anderson and Kim Buie with coach Rick West in Haliburton outside their retail location. The team represented Ontario and the Highlands at the Special Olympics National Winter Games on Feb. 24 in Thunder Bay. This is the second consecutive national games berth. They earned entry with a provincial gold. /DARREN LUM Staff

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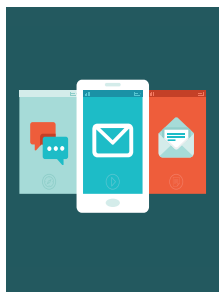

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# Brown rags

Certain leaves cling through to spring
Like parchment vaguely whispering
That winter's lengthy, even so
These crispy rags refuse to go
As if the fall remembering

When others' gaudy robes were shed
October-style, first bright, then bed
In sheets of mud 'neath pillow snow
Yet random limbs keep rags that show
Not all feels permanently dead

Since always beats a tacit heart
So stalwart birdsong can restart
In faith that vernal greens asleep
Will in a month begin to peep
Through crystals, ice which rots apart

And once real chorus splits the dawn
Wide open beaks chant snow is gone
Those brown tree rags in breezes swing
Then parachute when March can bring
To bony branches buds upon

*By Deborah J Reed*

# Sleeping in Cars event to focus on youth

**JENN WATT**

*County Life* Editor

Minden Hills approved a request from Places for People to use the municipal parking lot in Minden and the public washrooms for their second Sleeping in Cars event on March 27.

Nataly Mylan made a presentation to council on Feb. 13 on behalf of the affordable housing charity, saying that this year a focus would be placed on youth homelessness.

Mylan pointed out that the teen years are especially important for neurological development and teenagers aren't equipped to take on adult responsibilities.

"When we're asking that 14-, 15-, 16-year-old kid to turn into an adult overnight, what we're asking … is physically impossible," she said.

Several members of council participated in Sleeping in Cars last year, which entails participants coming together around a bonfire, socializing until it is time for bed, and then heading to their cars, where they attempt to get a good night's sleep.

Councillor Ron Nesbitt said he took part last year and pledged to donate this year, but couldn't handle sleeping in a car again.

Councillor Pam Sayne said last year she joined the group, but did not sleep outside as she was worried about getting sick. However, she advocated for the kind of immersive experience that this fundraiser provides, which can give participants a new appreciation for what they have.

"I really appreciate the work that you're doing to highlight this," Sayne said.

Sleeping in Cars will take place in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce simultaneously. Money collected by participants will be donated to Places for People.

The Sleeping in Cars event held last year in Minden included a bonfire outside the municipal office before participants retreated to their cars to sleep. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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## An eye for the unusual

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

IT IS BRIGHT, sunny and cold this time of year. The view in any direction is a never-ending sea of white – pretty but mind-numbing from the lack of colour. Fortunately, it is the perfect time to pay some attention to the neglected houseplants lining every available window.

Credit the Victorians with the mass popularity of indoor plants. While Romans, Egyptians and Greeks were known to have "potted" plants in terra cotta or even marble urns it was two products of the industrial revolution that cleared the way for houseplants. Improved heating and the mass production of window glass allowing in necessary natural light meant that not only stately homes, but also those of the middle class could accommodate the needs of trendy tropical greenery. Parlour palms, Boston ferns and fuchsias became instant status symbols.

According to the site Welltended, it was after the Second World War that houseplants transitioned to objects of beauty, wellness, and clean living. Dull, stark office spaces were transformed with the addition of spider plants and ivies. North American homes welcomed everything from exotic orchids to fragrant herbs.

My childhood memories include two or three profusely blooming African violets in my grandmother's parlor alongside a huge arching fern. My mother favoured the segmented Christmas or Easter cactus – more in keeping with the desert landscape where we lived. The lipstick-coloured, inverted blooms were the height of unusual in the eyes of a small child. It was even more wonderous when I learned that the plants,

Above, Star of Bethlehem, part of the asparagus family, is said to have been often painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

Left, Curcuma (turmeric), a member of the ginger family, has blooms of pink, purple, burgundy, rose and magenta.

endemic to the coast of Brazil, had adapted the nectar-rich flowers to attract feisty hummingbirds.

As the green world opened its doors, I discovered a profound interest in out-of-the-ordinary plants. This penchant for the bizarre was easy to accommodate when we lived in large cities and warmer climes but what about finding such curious things in south-central Ontario?

As it happens, there are folks in Haliburton County that likewise have an eye for the unusual.

Not surprisingly, Kim at Country Rose has the "eye." Almost every trip to the nursery during the growing season yields something odd. I am not talking about the normal odd – new cultivars, orange purple coneflowers, or a dwarf variety of a normally tall perennial. Nope, I am talking about strange, unseen before weirdness.

A great example was a dianthus sharing a pot with a shrimp plant last summer. This dianthus was lime green, globe-shaped and too peculiar for words. I had to have it! The plant turned out to be a Sweet William, appropriately named, "Green Ball." It was a great container plant flowering for several weeks and the cut blooms lasted for ages.

On a more recent visit to Country Rose, I noticed a bowl full of air plants hanging out by the cash register.

Air plants, botanically speaking Tillandsia, are grey-green tufts of leaves that do not need pots or soil to survive. Cousins to pineapples, they are the perfect gift for someone wit hout a green thumb. You can glue an air plant on a magnet, pop it on the fridge and it will live for years. Of course, this exotic will be happier if you spray it with water now and again or give it a spritz of orchid food.

Garden centres and nurseries are bound to have these cool curiosities. That's their job. But we can't overlook the other outlets in the area with equally offbeat flora.

Nellie, co-owner of the Foodland in Wilberforce, often surprises me with her "eye" for both flowers and plants that are outside the norm. Last Christmas, I found bunches of Star of Bethlehem, a most unusual cut flower from the Asparagus family. Native to Europe, Asia and North Africa, the blooms are said to be an oft-painted subject by artists such as Leonardo da Vinci. The pristine white florets open slowly over a couple of weeks and look exactly like stars on a stem.

On another visit to pick up some corn on the cob, I stumbled upon two peculiar plants, one completely new to me, and one that I had only seen in reference books. The first was Crossandra and Nellie was delighted to share her "find." Shiny green, gardenia-like foliage formed a backdrop for vibrant coral-orange blossoms that completely covered the plant.

When I returned home, I Googled the plant and learned that it was a relative of one of my wacky garden perennials, Acanthus mollis or bear's breeches. According to *Flowering Plant Families of the World*, one species of crossandra, which hails from East Africa has the longest pollen of any terrestrial flowering plant. The botanical name means fringed anthers and the common name, firecracker plant, describes the seedpods that explode in high humidity or rain.

The blooms, highly popular in India are used in religious ceremonies, in garlands and as hair embellishments. It is no wonder that the plant gained the coveted Royal Horticulture Society's Award of Garden Merit.

The last oddity for this musing was the other plant that Nellie recommended and it was a showstopper. Tucked in beside the frozen fish cooler was a tray of Curcuma longa, a plant in the ginger family and the source of the spice turmeric! The photographs that I had seen didn't come close to capturing the colours in the blooms – pink, purple, burgundy, rose, and magenta for a start.

The many flower stems grow vertically from tuberous underground stems or rhizomes. One of the common names, Siam tulip hints of the blossom shape and the likely origin, Southeast Asia. Turmeric has been cultivated for 2,500 years, first as a bright yellow dye and then a condiment, cosmetic and medicinal herb. The primary ingredient of curry, Marco Polo likened the properties to saffron and indeed, turmeric is sometimes termed "the poor man's saffron."

Who knew that this common spice came from an easy care oddity? The plant needs only part shade and regular watering. I let the leaves die back in the fall and placed it in the cold-room for the winter alongside the dahlia and canna tubers. In a few weeks I will return the pot to the warmth of the house and anticipate another summer admiring this strange, offbeat, peculiar and yes, unusual member of the plant kingdom.

## Top reasons life was better 100 years ago

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

CLEARLY, LIFE was not exactly peaches and cream 100 years ago. There were lots of horrible social issues, inequality and hardships, but there were some really good things too. Here are my top 10.

1. Frequent use of the word "Yowsa!"
2. Telemarketers had to use Morse code.
3. Dinosaurs still roamed the earth.
4. Kale had not yet been invented.
5. Everybody was doing the Varsity Rag!
6. Jazz was three years away from being annoying.
7. Villains had telltale names like Snidely.
8. People didn't have much, but at least they had communal shoes.
9. Numbers only went up to 12.
10. People won intellectual arguments with sentences like, "If man was meant to fly, God would have given us wings."

# Haliburton Forest Poker Run raises $20,000 for Dysart Fire Department

Cambridge couple Lloyd and Sandi Gogo won a new snowmobile with a full house: three queens and pair of twos at the 31st annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run on Saturday, Feb. 8. The couple was over the moon to be bringing home a new sled. This event raised $20,000 for the Haliburton Firefighters Association helping them to purchase equipment that in turn keeps them safe and their rescues efficient. /Submitted by Tegan Legge

What a stellar weekend. Mother Nature could not have been kinder. Snow Friday, Feb. 7, cold temperatures Saturday, and even more snow Sunday!

The 31st annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run drew more than 600 participants, who helped to raise $20,000 for the Haliburton Firefighters Association, helping them to purchase equipment that in turn keeps them safe and their rescues efficient.

In the past they have purchased gear such as the Jaws of Life, rescue boats, snowmobiles, and trailers, as well as essentials such as rescue ropes.

This is the most participants the Forest has hosted in more than 10 years.

Various factors came into play leading to the increase in participants, but none as important as word is spreading that this is a great event to raise funds for the Haliburton Fire Services, which is an extremely important service within our community.

Community support has grown astronomically over the last two years with many local businesses running the checkpoints, donating prizes and spreading the word.

There was a year where we hit 700 or more participants. The last few years have been around the 400 mark.

Cambridge couple Lloyd and Sandi Gogo drew the winning hand, which was the second last hand dealt of the day. They drew a full house: three queens and pair of twos to win a snowmobile. The couple was extremely happy and were over the moon to be bringing home a new sled.

This event would not have been possible without the great help of our community and incredible prize donors.

Mark your calendars! Next year's Poker Run will be Saturday, Feb. 6. Visit Haliburton Forest on Facebook to see more photos.

*Submitted by Haliburton Forest Wild Life Reserve general manager Tegan Legge*

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Every Wednesday 9:30 - 11 am

### Ripopée by L'Aubergine
When: Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Join four hilarious clowns on their whimsical – and sometimes chaotic – journey. A pure delight for all ages. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

### Lenten Lunch
When: March 4
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch.
By Donation

### World Day of Prayer, An ecumenical service
When: Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church,
7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and a short film to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

### Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation
When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

### Lenten Lunch
When: March 11
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Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch.
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### Haliburton: No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 11
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.
Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

### Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
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### Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Up Close with Ontario Wildlife
When: Saturday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Join interpreters from Speaking of Wildlife as they give you a chance to see, touch, and learn
about some interesting Ontario wildlife species. A family friendly event. Please purchase tickets
in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-0455.
Admission: Adult $15, Child $10, Family $35

### Lenten Lunch
When: March 18
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch.
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## Recurring Events

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Minden: Hyland Crest Auditorium - Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Classes are free
For more information, contact Cathy Thomas, 705-489-2187 or Carol Browne, 705-457-4551

### Grief Support Group Community Support Services
When: First Wednesday of every month Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden Hospital 1 to 3 p.m. or second Wednesday of every month Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Drive West Guilford, 1 to 3 p.m.
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### Taoist Tai Chi
Stanhope, Stanhope Community Centre
Tuesday. 10 to 11 a.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Haliburton, Haliburton United Church
Monday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kinmount, Galway Community Hall
Monday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
For more information please contact Wilma at 705-457-5829 or Taoist.org/Peterborough for schedule of classes

### Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

### Community Drum Circle, starting Feb. 2020
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

### Haliburton: Pickleball
When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

### Minden: Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2. Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

### Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
At the Kinmount Legion

### Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7:30
Regular euchre night every week on Thursday night starting at 7 p.m.

### Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

### Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

### Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com. Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 orhaliburtonquilts@gmail.com

### Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Haliburton Veterinary Services Building – Back Entrance
No experience needed.Contact: Pat at 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

### Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. $1 per person

### Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome.

### Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

### Bid Euchre
When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

### Rails End Knitting Circle
First Friday of every month 1 to 4 p.m.
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Alternate Thursdays (call for dates 705-457-2330)
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# Legion Events

## Branch 636 Minden

**Monday – Thursday** Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
**Tuesday** Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu
**Friday** 12 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m., Fish & Chips, or Wings & Fries (Onion Rings.)
**Saturday** All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from 12 noon.
**Daily events:**
**Monday** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
**Tuesday** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group.
1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
**Wednesday** 12 p.m. - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket.
1 to 4 p.m. - Ladies Darts,
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Calorie Counters
**Thursday** 7 p.m. Darts in the Sports Room.
7 p.m. Euchre in the Club Room
**Friday** Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
**Saturday** 1 p.m. - Four special draws
**Sunday** 12 to 4:30 p.m. Sports Day

## Branch 624 Wilberforce

**Friday** Pool 1:30 p.m.,Community Care Lunch 12 p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome. If interested call Denice Butler 705-448-8865 to book. Wing night 6 to 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.
**Saturday** Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!
**Sunday** L.A. breakfast 9to 12 p.m.
**Monday** Card Night 7 p.m. Beginner's welcome.
**Tuesday** Executive meeting 7p.m.
**Wednesday** Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
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## Branch 129 Haliburton 705-457-2571

**Mondays**: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
**Tuesday Night** Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m.
(Sept - June)
**Wednesdays**: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
**Thursdays**: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
**Fridays:** Cribbage 1 p.m. start Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
*Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome!*

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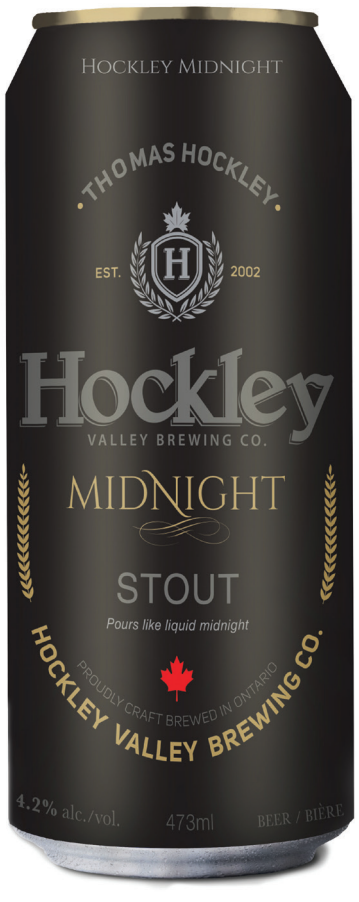


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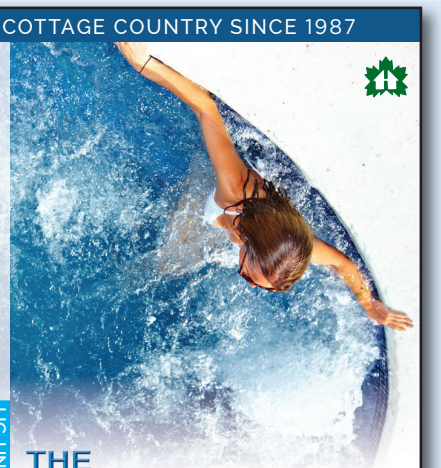

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# Minister vows to fight for farmers

## *Andy Mitchell drops by Haliburton to talk to Farm Council*

**MARTHA PERKINS**
*Editor*

If Canada's agriculture industry is to survive, the Canadian government must help to create an environment that allows farmers to earn a living from their labours, the federal Minister of Agriculture told a receptive group of local farmers in Haliburton on Friday.

"If people can't earn a living they won't farm, and if they won't farm we'll have great difficulties," Andy Mitchell said at a special meeting of the Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock Farm Council spearheaded by MP Barry Devolin.

Yet Mitchell also stressed that you don't make rural Canada stronger by ignoring the needs and challenges of the country's urban centres.

"If Canada is to reach its potential, both rural and urban needs to be strong," he said.

Responding to criticism that the Liberal government's recent budget made only one reference to agriculture, Mitchell said, "As Minister of Agriculture, I'm the advocate for you folks. I don't necessarily win all the battles [but] I'll always be there, engaging in whatever battled needs to be waged. Rural Canada contributes significantly to what we are as a country."

Mitchell's message was gladly received by farmers such as Bruce Pearse, who has a cash crop farm near Sunderland. Earlier that day Pearse was carefully watching the stock prices for soybeans. When the price was right, he sold the yield from 719 acres for a profit of $634. If he had sold two weeks ago, he

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**Provincial championships come to town**

This team from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School – Madison MacInnes Bailey, Tom Nichol, Jonathan Murray and Shane Dibblee – was one of 55 teams to compete in the Timbits provincial junior curling championships in Haliburton and Wilberforce over the weekend. Another JDHES team made it to the finals. See details on page 13.

# Christian school looking for students

**TRUDY POGUE**
*Special to The Echo*

A small group of local parents is looking for 20 young people to be "oaks of righteousness." These students will be the first to attend Tall Oaks Christian Academy, which is planned to launch this September in Haliburton.

The name of this new Christian school comes from Isaiah 61:3b of the Bible: "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour."

Its mission statement is "To prepare, educate and grow students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so that they choose to live in obedience to God's commands, thus developing a life of integrity that is committed to acts of service in Christ's name."

Tall Oaks Christian Academy is an initiative of Put The Word Into Action

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## THE RE/MAX COLLECTION

### Spruce Lake

Custom built 3BR, 3 bath, waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of ftrg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo or stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible.
**$1,399,000**

### Kennisis Lake

Looking for a yr-rnd home or a 4-season cottage? Breathtaking 3-bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom built kitchen w/ granite countertops, built-in appliances, lrg island & much more. Low maintenance property is very energy efficient. 4 season sunroom. Ramps, paths & staircases suitable for all ages. 4 season bunkie & double car garage. Call LBO for all extra special details.
**$1,150,000**

### Grass Lake

Stunning 4 BR, 4 bath turn key home/cottage. Large sunny level lot. 100+ ft of private frtg and personal boat launch. Panoramic lake view. 80ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades in fall of 2018. Double attached garage and detached single garage with carport. Shows pride of ownership.
**$1,050,000**

### Colbourne Lake

Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft.
**$999,000**

### Kennisis Lake

Low maintenance 4 season cottage. 4 bdrm, 1 Bath. Open concept. Oversized dining area perfect for hosting. Large deck with glass railing. Lots of space for the whole family to stay. Additional living space in bunkie. Beautifully landscaped maintenance free property. Granite flower beds and stairway to water. Ample privacy and much more.
**$899,000**

## VACANT LOTS

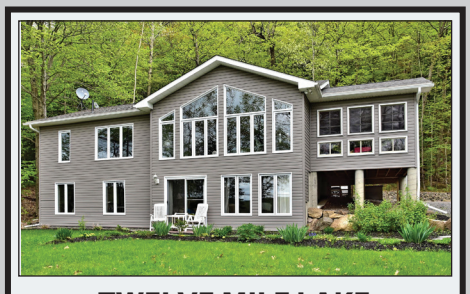
Kennisis Lake $895,000 4.3AC
Drag Lake $499,000 7.24AC
Colborne Lake $289,000 4.83AC
Contau Lake $165,000 1.33AC
Harburn Road $99,000 44+AC
Reynolds Road $89,000 9.13 AC
Irondale River $79,000 3.22AC
Old Donald Road $49,997
New listing Trappers Trail $49,900 0.93AC
Deep Bay Rd $49,000 3.05 AC
Contau Lake Road $49,000 3.91AC
Fred Jones road $34,500 6.59AC
Fred Jones Road $25,000 0.38AC

### WENONA LAKE
**$683,000**

Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views.

### HALIBURTON LAKE
**$639,000**

Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft ftrg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year.



### TWELVE MILE LAKE
**$569,969**

Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.

### LONG LAKE
**$499,900**

Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities.